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## **Belgium-Luxembourg**

### **Fresh Deciduous Fruit**

#### **Apples and Pears - Semi-Annual Report**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

Belgian 1998/89 apple and pear crops are 406,730 metric tons and 150,685 metric tons, respectively. Total apple production increased by 10 percent and the pear crop increased by 16 percent. The overall quality of the 1998 apple and pear crop is considered good.

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Includes PSD changes: Yes  
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes  
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## Fresh Apples

### PSD Table

PSD Table						
Country:	BLEU					
Commodity:	Apples					
		1996		1997		1998
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1996		07/1997		07/1998
Area Planted	10300	10300	10300	10400	10450	10450
Area Harvested	10300	10300	10300	10400	10450	10450
Bearing Trees	17895	17895	17900	18143	18300	18300
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	17895	17895	17900	18143	18300	18300
Commercial Production	296988	296988	367905	372735	412565	412530
Non-Comm. Production	1600	1600	1200	420	700	700
TOTAL Production	298588	298588	369105	373155	413265	413230
TOTAL Imports	230365	230365	200000	249087	160000	150000
TOTAL SUPPLY	528953	528953	569105	622242	573265	563230
Domestic Fresh Consump	239792	235495	238355	217504	240265	230230
Exports, Fresh Only	188365	188216	210000	301666	210000	210000
For Processing	100000	100000	120000	100000	120000	120000
Withdrawal From Market	796	5,242	750	3072	3000	3000
TOTAL UTILIZATION	528953	528953	569105	622242	573265	563230

Note: Specific data on bearing and non-bearing trees is not available.

**Production**

<b>BELGIUM - APPLE PRODUCTION</b> (metric tons)			
	1996	1997	1998 (revised)
TALL TREES (sub total)	858	525	700
Boskop	595	350	455
other	263	175	245
DWARF TREES (sub total)	293,730	368,710	406,030
Golden Delicious	33,000	34,500	40,500
Jonagold	154,700	218,400	221,000
Jonagored	23,400	35,200	52,380
Boskop	24,220	24,750	29,700
Cox Orange	11,400	11,210	11,800
Gloster	8,800	8,970	8,760
Elstar	17,480	18,000	19,600
James Grieve	2,000	1,530	1,700
Other	18,730	16,150	20,500
TOTAL APPLES	294,588	369,235	406,730

Source: Belgian Ministry of Agriculture

<b>LUXEMBOURG - APPLE PRODUCTION</b> (metric tons)			
	1996	1997	1998 (prelim)
TOTAL APPLES	7,600	3,920	6,500

Source: Luxembourg Ministry of Agriculture - STATEC

## Trade Matrix MY 1997 and 1998

<b>BELGIUM &amp; LUXEMBOURG:</b> <b>APPLE EXPORTS BY COUNTRY</b> (metric tons)			
Country of Destination	MY June/July 1996/97	Country	MY June/July 1997/98
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
FRANCE	15,922	FRANCE	27,268
NETHERLANDS	45,440	NETHERLANDS	77,078
GERMANY	77,104	GERMANY	148,322
UK	8,987	UK	11,874
DENMARK	2,366	DENMARK	2,784
SPAIN	5,397	SPAIN	2,378
CZECH REPUBLIC	2,053	CZECH REPUBLIC	1,060
RUSSIA	28,112	RUSSIA	26,840
Others not listed	2,835	Others not listed	4,062
Grand Total	188216	Grand Total	301666

Source: Belgian Office for Foreign Trade

<b>BELGIUM &amp; LUXEMBOURG:</b> <b>APPLES IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</b> (metric tons)			
Country of Origin	MY June/July 1996/97	Country of Origin	MY June/July 1997/98
U.S.	251	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
FRANCE	46,597	FRANCE	55,708
NETHERLANDS	26,305	NETHERLANDS	25,530
GERMANY	9,354	GERMANY	6,947
ITALY	9,977	ITALY	13,630
SOUTH AFRICA	5,712	SOUTH AFRICA	22,122
NEW-ZEALAND	13,870	NEW ZEALAND	75,689
CHILI	74,154	CHILI	20,619
ARGENTINA	20,015	ARGENTINA	26,282
Others Not Listed	24,130	Others Not Listed	2,560
Grand Total	230365	Grand Total	249087

Source: Belgian Office for Foreign Trade

Note: National statistical data in the trade matrixes related to "other" may include a substantial amount of apples in storage. The origin of these apples is not known.

## Fresh Pears

### PSD Table

PSD Table						
Country:	BLEU					
Commodity:	Fresh Pears					
		1996		1997		1998
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1996		07/1997		07/1998
Area Planted	4270	4270	4200	4468	4500	4500
Area Harvested	4270	4270	4200	4468	4500	4500
Bearing Trees	6130	6130	6090	6504	6600	6600
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	6130	6130	6090	6504	6600	6600
Commercial Production	138200	138200	130150	130920	138270	150510
Non-Comm. Production	300	300	200	140	600	600
TOTAL Production	138500	138500	130350	131060	138870	151110
TOTAL Imports	67117	67117	70000	91328	65000	65000
TOTAL SUPPLY	205617	205617	200350	222388	203870	216110
Domestic Fresh Consump	59083	58282	59830	40117	60570	44810
Exports, Fresh Only	134921	134921	130000	173197	130000	158000
For Processing	10000	10000	10000	8000	12000	12000
Withdrawal From Market	1613	2414	520	1074	1300	1300
TOTAL UTILIZATION	205617	205617	200350	222388	203870	216110

*Note: Specific data on bearing and non-bearing trees is not available.*

**Production**

<b>BELGIUM - PEAR PRODUCTION</b> (metric tons)			
	1996	1997	1998 (revised)
TALL TREES (sub total)	320	200	275
Legipont	140	80	110
Other	180	120	165
DWARF TREES (sub total)	136,880	130,060	150,410
Conference	109,980	110,250	117,500
Doyenne du Comice	14,400	9,100	19,110
Durondeau	8,640	8,100	10,350
Beurre Hardy	1,200	800	1,360
Triomphe	1,280	1,040	1,040
Other	420	770	1,050
TOTAL PEARS	137,200	130,260	150,685

Source: Belgian Ministry of Agriculture

<b>LUXEMBOURG: PEAR PRODUCTION</b> (Metric Tons)			
	1996	1997	1998 (prelim)
TOTAL PEARS	1,175	800	700

Source: Luxembourg Ministry of Agriculture - STATEC

## Trade Matrix MY 1997 and 1998

<b>BELGIUM &amp; LUXEMBOURG:</b> <b>EXPORT OF PEARS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION</b> (Metric Tons)			
Country of Destination	MY June/July 1996/97	Country of Destination	MY June/July 1997/98
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
FRANCE	18,711	FRANCE	24,779
NETHERLANDS	27,541	NETHERLANDS	33,548
GERMANY	31,947	GERMANY	43,528
ITALY	1,833	ITALY	4,125
UK	16,567	UK	21,651
DENMARK	1,903	DENMARK	2,533
SPAIN	2,903	SPAIN	2,856
RUSSIA	14,898	RUSSIA	21,963
NORWAY	8394	NORWAY	6657
Others not Listed	10,224	Others not Listed	1,557
Grand Total	134921	Grand Total	173197

<b>BELGIUM &amp; LUXEMBOURG</b> <b>IMPORTS OF PEARS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</b> (Metric Tons)			
Country of Origin	MY June/July 1996/97	Country of Origin	MY June/July 1997/98
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
FRANCE	8,799	FRANCE	6,442
NETHERLANDS	5,747	NETHERLANDS	7,808
ITALY	5,966	ITALY	1,121
SPAIN		SPAIN	9024
ARGENTINA	19,159	ARGENTINA	26,013
SOUTH AFRICA	15,142	SOUTH AFRICA	21,636
CHILI	11,084	CHILI	15,437
NEW ZEALAND	200	NEW ZEALAND	542
Others not Listed	1020	Others not Listed	3305
Grand Total	67117	Grand Total	91328

Source: Belgian Office for Foreign Trade

Note: BLEU official trade data are edited by the Belgian Office for Foreign Trade (BOFT) and are based on statistical data received from the National Bank of Belgium (NBB). NBB/BOFT advised that since early 1998 they have changed the compilation of statistical data and now include transit movements within the EU in all trade data (imports and exports). Please take this into consideration when comparing.